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TO AMEMBASSY MADRID
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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF EUR/WE POSTS

REF: STATE 386428

1. MEMBERS OF THE INSPECTION TEAM FOR SPAIN AND PORTUGAL
WILL BE BRANDON GROVE, JR., SENIOR INSPECTOR; RICHARD W.
BOEHM; JAMES H. BAHTI; JOHN A. MERCURIO; AND THOMAS N.
MCCLURE.

2. THE TEAM FUNCTIONS AS AN INTEGRATED UNIT, BUT
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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS HAVE AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AS
FOLLOWS: ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS, MERCURIO AND MCCLURE;
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL AS WELL AS CONSULAR AFFAIRS, BAHTI;
POLITICAL, POLITICAL-MILITARY, CULTURAL, OTHER-AGENCY
AFFAIRS, BOEHM.

3. ARRIVAL TIMES IN MADRID ARE: BOEHM, BAHTI, MERCURIO,

MCCLURE, JAN 30, 0740 HOURS, TW-904. GROVE JAN 30,
1510 HOURS, IB-341

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN FIVE SINGLE ROOMS IN
MODERATELY PRICED DOWNTOWN HOTEL BEGINNING JANUARY 30.

5. INSPECTORS PROPOSE THAT THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THEIR
STAY BE SCHEDULED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES, IF POSSIBLE:

JANUARY 31:

(A) CALL BY TEAM MEMBERS ON AMBASSADOR AND DCM SHORTLY
AFTER OPENING OF BUSINESS FOR 30 MINUTES, OR LONGER IF
EMBASSY WISHES, TO EXPLAIN INSPECTION PURPOSES AND
PROCEDURES.

(B) IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, MEETING WITH STATE DEPARTMENT
MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF AND HEADS OF OTHER AGENCIES
REPRESENTED, ALONG WITH AS MANY OTHER AMERICAN EMPLOYEES
AS EMBASSY DEEMS APPROPRIATE, TO DISCUSS INSPECTION
PROCESS.

(C) THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY WALK-THROUGH OF CHANCERY
CONDUCTED BY DCM, DURING WHICH INSPECTORS WILL HAVE
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET LOCAL EMPLOYEES.

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(D) IN THE AFTERNOON, INSPECTORS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY
BRIEFING ON U.S.-SPANISH RELATIONS HIGHLIGHTING ISSUES AND
PROBLEMS, AND U.S. OBJECTIVES OVER THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS.
THIS MIGHT BE SCHEDULED FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF.

FEBRUARY 1:

(A) MORNING BRIEFING ON EMBASSY RELATIONS WITH CONSTITUENT
POSTS BY MISSION ELEMENTS (ADMINISTRATIVE, CONSULAR,
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL, USIS, ETC.) RESPONSIBLE
FOR SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO THESE POSTS.

(B) INSPECTORS WILL DEPART MADRID LATER SAME DAY TO BEGIN
INSPECTING CONSTITUENT POSTS, INCLUDING CONSULAR AGENCIES.

6. DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 2-8, INSPECTORS PLAN TO
INSPECT CONSULAR POSTS, EXCEPT FOR BILBAO WHICH WILL BE
INSPECTED LATER. GROVE AND BOEHM WILL WISH TO VISIT
U.S. MILITARY BASES. A SEPARATE MESSAGE WILL PROPOSE AN
ITINERARY FOR THE INSPECTION OF CONSULAR POSTS.

7. INSPECTION OF EMBASSY MADRID WILL RESUME FEBRUARY 9

TO MARCH 1, WITH DEPARTURE ON MARCH 2 FOR LISBON ON
TW-901. A SEPARATE MESSAGE ON PORTUGUESE PHASE OF
INSPECTION WILL FOLLOW.

8. EMBASSY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON FOREGOING ARE
WELCOME. CHRISTOPHER

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